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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF ANCHORING A FIRST CONDUIT TO A SECOND CONDUIT

the specification of which was filed on September 6, 2000 as PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/03406, amended August 28, 2001 (drawings only) and amended on March 1, 2002 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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